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**i would have held you like a child
gathering your warmth
into my arms –**

**you did not want to know –
i did not respond –
i am too casual a friend –**

**i would have offered roses
but the flowers in the garden
have all died –**

**you did not want to know
and i forgot to call –
call me an absent friend –**

**i have no words to whisper –
someone said
you keep your curtains drawn –**

**but i am not the one
to pull the daylight in
and you are not the secret i conceal.**

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